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Dear Reader:

Enclosed for your review and comment is the Draft California Desert Conservation Area (CDCA) Plan Amendment for the Coachella Valley, Draft Santa Rosa and San Jacinto Mountains Trails Management Plan, and Draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). This document describes and analyzes a range of alternatives for managing the public lands administered by the Bureau of Land Management in the Coachella Valley of southern California. Amongst these alternatives, the BLM's preferred alternative is identified, and a description of the "no-action" alternative (i.e. continuation of current management) is included. These draft plans/draft EIS may also be accessed via internet at the web address listed above. This document is being prepared in tandem with the *Coachella Valley Multi-Species Habitat Conservation Plan* (CVMSHCP), and in collaboration with the local governments of the Coachella Valley, State and other Federal agencies, and private entities.

Comments received from the public shall be incorporated into the Final EIS, including names and addresses. Individual respondents may request confidentiality. If you wish to withhold your name or address from public review or from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comments. Such requests will be honored to the extent allowed by law. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

Please submit your comments in writing to the address listed in this letterhead, no later than *date*, which ends the 90-day public review period. Comments may be sent by fax at (760) 251-4899 or electronic mail to emisquez@ca.blm.gov. Your interest in collaborative stewardship of the public lands is appreciated.

Sincerely,

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